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SUBJECT: Trip to Spain and France of Senator Richard B. Russell.

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Senator Richard B. Russell (D., Ga.), Chairman, Senate Armed Services Committee, accompanied by Lt. Col. Edward M. Hathaway, Army Escort Officer, will depart New York Saturday, October 27, on the S.S. INDEPENDENCE, arriving in Algeciras, Spain, on November 3.

Senator Russell plans to travel in Spain approximately 10 days ~~prior~~ inspecting military installations, prior to attending the NATO Parliamentary Conference in Paris (Nov. 19-23) as a member of the U. S. Delegation. A definite itinerary is not known at this time. Posts are to coordinate with the Department of the Army and inform the Department and onward posts as his plans develop. Senator Russell and Col. Hathaway do intend to depart from Madrid on November 12 via Air France flight 418 at 5:35 p.m. and arrive in Paris at 8:15 p.m.

Department of the Army will make all their hotel reservations in Spain. ~~Two~~ Singles with baths are requested in Paris at the Royal Monceau Hotel in accordance with the ~~above~~ arrival time, even though the other NATO Delegates from the United States have reservations at the Hotel Continental. It is not known at this time whether Senator Russell will join the NATO group upon their arrival in Paris or not. Confirm the reservations to the Department.

Senator Russell is authorized to utilize local currencies in the Congressional Travel Account 19FT561. He has requested that he be met upon his arrival in Algeciras on November 3 with counter-part funds.

The provisions of the Handbook for Congressional Travel apply. Meet, expedite customs clearances, and assist in any way possible. Coordinate with the Department of the Army. Appoint control officers and confirm to the Department.

Additional information will be forwarded as soon as the Department is informed as to Senator Russell's plans. Col. Hathaway will return to the United States from Paris on November 12.

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